



KINGFISHER HIGH School FFA marketing team members, from left, Lane Holt, Colton Smith and Sarah Gruntmeir along with Coach Lori Burns gave their first place national award winning presentation to Kingfisher Rotary on Tuesday. They competed against 36 other state winning teams at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky. in October.

Family

[Continued From Page 1] thought nothing of entering, until Christian spoke at the service.

"He spoke of how his mom always had to be right, and the family had an inside joke about how Christian was the only one to play and like sports, so he must have been switched at birth with a coach's child," Sarah said. "At the end, he kind of looked up and said, 'Mom, you're right once again. I am a coach's kid.' It was at that moment I felt like God was asking us to be part of something special."

Sarah went home and filmed her video entry on her phone – unscripted, and in one take – submitting it without telling anyone.

A few weeks later, the NFL contacted Sarah and Chris, asking to interview them, and requesting game footage and family photos. Shortly thereafter, they were notified

that NFL Films would be visiting to film their story.

And later, at a school pep rally, NFL Hall of Famer Deion Sanders surprised the crowd and announced that Christian's video would be one of the three individual national finalists in the competition.

"It's been a whirlwind of ups and downs since Sept. 3," Sarah admitted. "But we are so thankful just to be a living example that God can use all things for good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose."

The winner of the "Together We Make Football" contest will receive a trip for four to Super Bowl XLIX in Phoenix, Ariz., and will be selected by online voting.

Anyone can view the Roberts family's video story at www.togetherwemake-football.com and cast online votes as often as once a day until the voting period closes.

Statue

[Continued From Page 1] local sculptor John Gooden, was dedicated on Veteran's Day and had been installed in front of City Hall for only a couple of weeks.

Gooden told the Times and Free Press Tuesday that the statue sustained only "light damage."

"I invest in heavy weight, strong sculptures designed to last for centuries," Gooden said. "In this case, that extra expense has already paid off."

Gooden said the sculpture was transferred to a pallet for transport to the foundry sometime this week to access the damage, noting that scratches from the acci-

dent will require grinding, sandblasting and reapplication of the patina in whole or in part.

"I plan to have them reinstalled soon and I think we can expect them back in time for the Christmas parade (on Dec. 13)."

City Manager Dave Slezcick said the neighboring statue of Apostle Paul Sykes was unscathed and damage to the city's flower beds was minimal.

"We're just glad no one was seriously injured," Slezcick said.

Kingfisher Police Officer Richard Staton investigated the crash.

Comparing top dressing methods; which one is best?

By Zac Meyer

Because it is a large cash investment, nitrogen management is and will likely continue to be one of the inputs all grain producers will give greatest consideration to as they develop management strategies for their crops.

Because it works both agronomically and economically, in the southern Great Plains it has become a common practice to "split apply" nitrogen on winter wheat and canola. This means that some if not most of the nitrogen needed for the crop to obtain a determined yield goal will be applied prior to planting with the remainder applied during the growing season as a supplemental amount of "top-dress" N. The amount of top-dress N is usually determined by growing conditions, crop removal and price per unit of the nitrogen source to be used.

The use of N-rich strips has greatly improved the accuracy of determining this mid-season application of nitrogen in that it compares a strip where nitrogen is not limiting plant performance to the nitrogen management used on a production field known as the "producer practice". To estimate the additional nitrogen needed to obtain the yield potential indicated, producers will "sense" the two areas with a hand held Greenseeker and a comparison value is derived as a "response index".

The question regarding top-dress nitrogen that is most often asked by producers is "which form of nitrogen and method of application will do the best job in meeting the additional top-dress nitrogen needs of the growing crop for the investment of time and money?"

The two forms of Nitrogen most commonly used for top-dressing wheat and canola are Urea, a dry pellet that is 46% N, and UAN, a solution of Urea and Ammonia Nitrate with the most commonly used formulation being 28% N.

Producers should determine the price per unit of N of potential N sources at the beginning of the decision process for the sake of sheer economics. Urea is often times the least expensive form of nitrogen per unit of N when compared to UAN but may not always be the best choice for the situation.

Secondly, producers should determine the application method and product that will allow them to top-dress N in a timely fashion. In that it is

a dry pellet, the most common method of topdress application for Urea is to be broadcast from a spinner(s) on a truck or buggy with the greatest accuracy of application belonging to the rigs with air booms. UAN offers the potential to be either sprayed on with flat fan nozzles or to be streamed on with streamer nozzles.

For producers needing to include a herbicide treatment to their wheat management strategy, the use of UAN applied with the flat fan nozzles will like provide the most desired outcome by accomplishing both needs with one pass. Producers with high residue situations may prefer to use the streamer nozzles or stream bars where UAN is applied in a concentrated stream to the soil so that streaming on UAN will lessen the opportunity for immobilization of N by microbes on decaying crop residue. Streamer nozzles with UAN and Urea will not create the leaf burn that can sometimes occur with flat fan nozzles on wheat when ambient air temperatures are 60 degrees or warmer.

A study was conducted at Lahoma, Ok in 2006 and 2008 to determine the effect of N sources and application method typically used for topdressing wheat and their impact on grain yield. This study was a comparison between Urea, UAN applied with Floodjet nozzles and

Shimanek denies RR closing request

District 2 County Commissioner Ray Shimanek said Monday that he had turned down a Union Pacific Railroad request to close two sections of county roads north and south of Section 11 Township 18 North, Range 7 West, about four miles north of Dover and back west.

"They (the railroad) may be able to go over my head but I'm not going to inconvenience my residents by an action I took," Shimanek said.

The area in question is in the area where Union Pacific built a siding some two years ago.

Shimanek said UP trains often exceed one mile in length, thus the request to

close off two road sections.

One option for the railroad would be to install lighted railroad crossing gates so that the roads would be closed only for the time the trains are over the roadway but those are expensive.

One online source said such gates can cost \$250,000 and upward.

Shimanek mentioned the railroad situation preceding Monday's weekly meeting of county commissioners but the situation was not part of commissioner proceedings.

The meeting agenda included only road crossing applications for pipelines, five in District 2 and three in District 3.

They included:

- 30-day permit for water line for Super Heaters LLC 12 miles west and two miles north of Okarche (District 3).
- gas line for DCP Midstream two miles north and five miles west of Hennessey (District 2).
- 30-day water line permit for Bakercorp two miles south and nine miles east of Hennessey (District 2)
- 30-day water line permit for Bakercorp four miles south and nine miles east of Hennessey District 2).
- 90-day water line permit for Brickman Fast Line one mile north and six miles east of Dover (District 2).
- 30-day water line permit

for Brickman Fast Line nine miles west and two miles north of Kingfisher (District 3).

• 30-day water line permit for Brickmsn Fast Line seven miles west of Okarche (District 3).

• fresh water line 12 miles east of Dover (District 2).

Under new business County Engineer Max Gerber said the county flood plain board needed to have a fifth member appointed to fill the position vacated by the death of Raphael Cravens.

Gerber said the board has been meeting monthly due to increased oil well drilling activity in the county.

Burns

[Continued From Page 1] Agriscience students learn about livestock production by observing live sheep, goats and pigs at the school farm and also apply other agricultural concepts in their own research studies.

Agricultural communications students create and maintain a chapter website, learn photography and editing skills and learn about effective social media practices.

"Lori is continually providing her students with learning opportunities. If a student has a passion for something, you can count on Lori to help that student reach their maximum potential," Travis Bradshaw, Burlington FFA advisor, said. "I

have not met another teacher who even comes close to matching Lori's passion for her program."

Each of the six regional Outstanding Teacher Award winners was recognized at the NAAE convention in Nashville.

Headquartered in Lexington, Ky., NAAE provides its nearly 8,000 members with professional networking and development opportunities, professional liability coverage and extensive awards and recognition programs.

The mission of NAAE is "professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service."

Sanders

[Continued From Page 1] to protect personal property rights, keep taxes low and boost agricultural and rural business," John Collison, OKFB vice president of public policy and media relations, said. "We greatly appreciate their leadership at the state Capitol this year."

Sanders, who was among 23 state representatives named as 100 Percent Club members, said it was an honor.

"As a rural legislator, I have to thank the Oklahoma Farm Bureau for the tough stances they take on behalf of our communities," Sanders said. "I am glad to stand with this organization every

year to ensure we support legislation that will positively affect farmers and rural communities.

"The Farm Bureau has also been a strong voice against bills that would raise taxes and against the federal EPA's efforts to hamstring Oklahoma farmers and ranchers. I am so honored to have received this award two years in a row."

The organization selected two priority issues for the 2015 legislative session – right-to-farm legislation and limiting federal overregulation. Private property rights and agriculture will also continue to be high priorities for the organization.

Filing

[Continued From Page 1] Patrick S. Griffin. Lomega (Place 5) – Nathan Freeland. The filing period for school board positions runs through Wednesday. Other offices for which no filings had been made through 5 p.m. Monday include:

Dover, Place 5 – Larry Harviston, incumbent.
Okarche, Place 5 – Stephanie Jeffrey, incumbent.
Cashion, Place 5 – Jay Evans, incumbent.
Crescent, Place 5 – Larry Muzingo, incumbent.
Annual school elections will be held on Feb. 10, if

the yield differences in 2008 was likely because sufficient rainfall to move N fertilizer into the soil did not occur for approximately two weeks following application that year. It is possible that the delay in rainfall allowed for favorable environmental conditions which in turn allowed some N volatilization from urea therefore favoring the N use efficiency of UAN treatments that year.

needed.


Districts in which local ad valorem millages have been made permanent will not require an election if there is no competition for school board positions.



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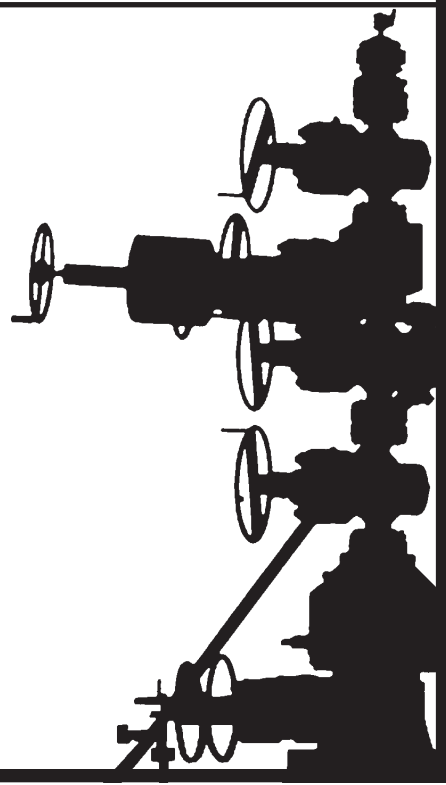
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OBITUARY



Glenna Sue Daves-Ahlden

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Glenna Sue Daves-Ahlden, 69, of Guthrie, Okla., passed away Saturday, Nov. 29, 2014, in Guthrie.

She was born May 9, 1945, in Guthrie to Donald and Nadene Daves.

Sue graduated high school in 1963, the same year she won 89'er Rodeo Queen. She attended both college and cosmetology school.

Sue worked for several years as a hair dresser and then began work with the Oklahoma State Corporation Commission – Oil and Gas Division where she worked for nine years.

She married her husband Donovan Ahlden on Jan. 21, 1966.

Sue loved chickens, horses and short haired pointers. She was the 4-H Leader for many years and followed and supported her son Warren at a million 4-H, FFA and AJQHA events.

Sue was preceded in death by her father, Donald Daves and her grandparents, Lela and Arthur Fillmore.

Sue is survived by her mother, Precious Nadene Daves and her son, Warren Ahlden.

Memorial services for Sue will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, at Smith Memorial Chapel with Chaplain Gene Owen officiating. Interment will be held at a later date. Services are under the direction of Smith-Gallo Funeral Home, Guthrie.

Donations may be made in her name to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, 825 NE 13th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73104-9930, American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718, or the American Diabetes Association, Oklahoma City, OK Office, 3000 United Founders Blvd., #108, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.smithgallo.com.

AREA DEATH

Mae Jones

Mae Jones, 90, lifelong resident of Kingfisher, died Friday, Nov. 28, 2014, at Cimarron Nursing Center in Kingfisher.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Frontline Ministries Church with the Rev. Debbie Burpo officiating. Burial followed in the Kingfisher Cemetery under direction of Sanders Funeral Service.

She was born Jan. 29, 1924, in Kingfisher to Walter Lee and Ollie Bell Burpo.

She married Lois Jones in 1942, in El Reno.

She was employed as a scrub nurse at Kingfisher Regional Hospital.

Her hobbies were gardening, sewing and cooking.

Survivors include two sons, Tom Jones and wife Myra of Kingfisher and Richard Jones and wife A.J. of Edmond; one daughter, Carolyn Parks and husband Walter of Kingfisher; one son-in-law, Andy Jung of Kingfisher; 11 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, daughter and one grandson.

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AREA DEATH



Marjorie Lela Jane Bates Brown

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Marjorie Lela Jane Bates Brown, 85, of Bethany, formerly of Kingfisher, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene. Burial followed in the Bethany Cemetery under direction of Mercer-Adams Funeral Service in Bethany.

She was born to Ivan Moses and Sarah Grace Petty Bates in Kingfisher.

She graduated from Kingfisher High School in 1948.

She attended beauty college, then Bethany-Penniel College, now Southern Nazarene University.

She married Daniel Elijah Brown Sr. on Nov. 24, 1950.

She was employed as a beauty operator for 15 years then worked at Tinker Air Force Base. She transferred to Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Mass., and retired from McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento, Calif.

She was a member of the Bethany 1st Church of the Nazarene, Louise Robinson Missionary Chapter, the Academy of Senior Professionals, Oklahoma City Republican Women's Club, Oklahoma City Audubon Society, National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the Scandinavian Club of Oklahoma.

Survivors include one daughter, Leona Grace and husband Roger Hall; one son, Daniel E. Brown II; five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel; twin daughters, Carolyn and Marilyn, and brothers, Dr. Howard Bates, Charles E. Bates and Clarence F. Bates.

DEATH NOTICE

Chester Jech, 90, of Kingfisher died Monday, Dec. 1, 2014. Services pending with Sanders Funeral Service in Kingfisher.

WEATHER NEWS

(As recorded by Local Weather Observer Steve Loftis in Kingfisher)

Nov. 26	58	26
Nov. 27	51	31
Nov. 28	64	23
Nov. 29	74	38
Nov. 30	62	49
Dec. 1	30	26
Dec. 2	46	21

Rainfall		
January 2014 rainfall	0.04	
January 2013 rainfall	1.32	
February 2013 rainfall	3.97	
February 2014 precip	0.27	
March 2014 rainfall	1.75	
March 2013 rainfall	0.98	
April 2013 rainfall	6.69	
April 2014 rainfall	1.83	
May 2014 rainfall	3.46	
May 2013 rainfall	5.00	
June 2013 rainfall	2.87	
June 2014 rainfall	6.85	
July 2013 rainfall	11.96	
July 2014 rainfall to date	6.33	
August 2013 rainfall	3.36	
August 2014 rainfall	.60	
September 2013 rainfall	2.99	
Sept. 2014 rain to date	2.53	
October 2013 rainfall	1.16	
October 2014 rain	3.80	
November 2013 rainfall	1.20	
Nov. 2014 rainfall to date	2.05	
December 2013 rainfall	1.29	
2014 rainfall to date	26.60	
2013 rainfall	42.75	
Average annual rainfall	35.23	

Inhofe rips Obama in hearing statement

U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC), today made the following opening statement for a full SASC committee hearing to consider the nominations of Robert M. Scher to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities; Ms. Elissa Slotkin to be assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs; David J. Berteau to be assistant secretary of defense for logistics and material readiness; Alissa M. Starzak to be general counsel of the Department of the Army; and Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be commander of United States Pacific Command.

"This will likely be Chairman Levin's last hearing, so I want to take a moment to thank him for his many years of friendship and service on this committee.

"Today's ... hearing comes at a precarious time. As we enter the last two years of this Administration, it's clear that its national security policies have been a disaster.

In the face of growing threats, the president has responded by dismantling our military, appeasing our adversaries, abandoning our partners and refusing to implement a new National Security Strategy.

Rather than take responsibility and change course, he is doubling down on his failed policies and blaming the secretary of defense, who was expected to work with both hands tied behind his back with an inadequate budget and in a strategy vacuum.

Frankly, with the handicaps the president has put in place for his secretary of defense, worrying about who sits in that position is like worrying how the deck chairs on the Titanic are arranged.

Six years into this administration, we still have no coherent strategy for the Middle East, no effective plan to deter Russia, China, Iran and ISIS, and no overarching National Security Strategy to address an increasingly complex threat landscape.

The *New York Times* reports that when Susan Rice, Obama's national security advisor, was asked why there hasn't been a new national security strategy in four years, she said "If we had put it out in February or April or July, it would have been overtaken by events two weeks later."

Rice admits she can't build a strategy that can last more than two weeks. If the President wanted to change the disastrous course we're on, he should've fired Susan Rice last week, not the secretary of defense.

Instead, he's hiding behind one of the most dangerously insular White House's in recent history - afraid of criticism and disconnected from reality.

He's relying on his political and media advisors instead of his military leaders to guide national security, and as a result, we continue to lurch from crisis to crisis.

One of the most glaring examples has been the president's approach to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

When President Obama was asked on Aug. 6 whether the U.S. should finally provide lethal assistance to Ukraine given Russian troop movements and the tanks, artillery, and rockets Putin has given the separatists, he said no, but added (quote): "Now, if you start seeing an invasion by Russia, that's obviously a different set of questions. We're not there yet." That was in August. I guess the President forgot that Russia invaded and formally annexed Crimea five months earlier. And after Russian troops invaded Eastern Ukraine for a second time at the end of August, I guess we were still "not there yet." And after President Poroshenko came and addressed a joint session of Congress on Sept. 18th and said "Blankets and night-vision goggles are important, but one cannot win a war with blankets," I guess we were still "not there yet."

Without a strategy to deter Putin, I'm not sure we'll ever get there. As President Obama sits on the sidelines, Putin continues to de-Reaganize Europe. When I was in Lithuania in October, I talked to the leaders of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, and they are convinced that Putin is coming after them next.

It's clear that Russia, China, Iran and ISIS see weakness and the President's hollow rhetoric has not deterred them from taking ever more aggressive action at the expense of our security.

And it's not just me who thinks this. I hear constantly when I travel that our friends don't trust us and our enemies don't fear us.

We need a better plan. We need to restore funding to our armed forces, we need a National Security Strategy that is driven by the threats we face, and we need to stand with our allies and partners against the tyrants and terrorists who threaten our shared security.

For as long as I can remember, the American people have expected the men and women of their military to be the best trained and best equipped fighting force in the world, able to overwhelm any adversary at any time.

The President's misplaced spending priorities and absolute lack of strategic guidance are forcing this distinction to slip from our grasp.

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DAVE SAYS:

A properly budgeted Christmas

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are still paying off debt, so we didn't budget anything for Christmas. How much do you think we should spend on close friends and family members?

- Dan

Dear Dan,

Not having a budget for Christmas probably isn't a great idea if you want to have a happy marriage! It's really not that difficult. I don't know if there's a certain amount that works for everyone, because everybody's circumstances are different. But you must have a plan when holidays or other special occasions come along — especially when you're trying to get out of debt.

If you have kids, you certainly need to budget for them. They may not get everything they want, but there's no reason there can't be something from Santa under the tree. You also need to budget a little something for your spouse. The good thing is you can have a little fun with these gifts and make them more from the heart than the wallet.

What if you gave your wife a coupon that says you'll cook a real dinner for her and the kids once a week for the next three months? Or perhaps it's a voucher for a free back rub any time she's feeling stressed and tired. Maybe you could find a nice but inexpensive frame and put a favorite picture of the two of you inside. Things that come from the heart, or that include little acts of kindness or serving the other person, can go a long way. Those kinds of things are especially meaningful to most folks during the holiday season.

Trust me, Dan. You can have a wonderful, loving, quality Christmas without spending a lot of money. You'll have to spend a little here and there, but just make sure it's an amount that's appropriate for your financial situation. If you're making \$200,000 and trying to get out of debt, that's one thing. But if you're making \$20,000 a year and trying to get out of debt, you need to do things that are creative and don't require a lot of cash!

- Dave

Bargaining with respect

Dear Dave,

My husband and I are looking at getting a second vehicle. We found one we like, and it's in great shape, but they're asking more than we can afford to pay. How do you make a low offer without making someone angry or insulting them?

- Angela

Dear Angela,

It's always a smart move to try and stay on the seller's



Local market ↑ Dec. 3
Wheat \$6.29 43¢ from Nov. 26

good side. You want to be classy and diplomatic, and never point out the bad things about an item someone's selling just to drive down the price. If you insult their merchandise or insinuate the price is unfair, you're likely to blow the whole deal right off the bat.

How about this? Tell them it's a fine vehicle, and their price is fair, but the amount they're asking is outside your budget. Let them know how much you want to work out a deal, but, in order for it to fit into your lifestyle, you can only pay a certain amount. You might throw in that a lot of people are selling things right now because of the economy, and you're just looking for the very best deal.

Maybe that, and letting them know you're standing there with money in hand, will help swing this thing in your favor

Good luck, Angela!

- Dave

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